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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of July 22, 2002. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response. With the extension, the response is due by September 22, 2002.

Applicants hereby elect the Group I, claims 1-6 and 8-17, directed to a biodegradable matrix comprising layers of chemically cross-linked proteins and polysaccharides. It is believed that claim 18 should also be included in this group.

This restriction is respectfully traversed with respect to Group III. It is respectfully requested that claims 19 and 20 be examined with the elected Group I. Claims 19 and 20 contain as a primary element, the same matrix described in Group I, with the addition of growth factors, cDNA gene constructs, hormones or other biologically active substances. It is respectfully submitted that it is not an undue burden to search these other features once one has searched for the biodegradable matrix of Group I.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 7 and 21-33, without prejudice, as directed to non-elected inventions.

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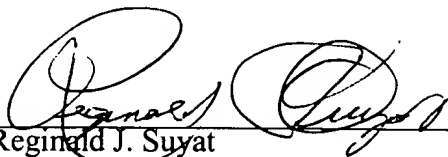
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